

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A video conference network platform for managing a plurality of video conference network devices for facilitating video conference calls, the video conference network platform comprising:

a video conference network interface module operable to interface with the plurality of video conference network devices and to represent at least one of the plurality of video conference network devices as an interface object;

one or more management applications operable to manage a video conference network device represented as an application object; and

an adapter engine associated with the video conference network interface module, the adapter engine operable to create an application object for ~~a~~ said at least one of the plurality of video conference network devices, the application object corresponding to the interface object for the at least one of the plurality of video conference network devices.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The video conference network platform of Claim 1 further comprising:

an override interface object associated with the video conference network interface, the override object operable to accept a request for an interface object and to direct the request to an application object corresponding to the interface object.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The video conference network platform of Claim 1 further comprising:

a discovery engine associated with the video conference network interface, the discovery engine operable to detect each of the plurality of video conference network devices and initiate creation of an object to represent each detected video conference network device.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The video conference network platform of Claim 3 wherein the discovery engine initiates creation of an application object by the adapter engine, the adapter engine further operable to initiate creation of a corresponding interface object by the video conference network interface.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The video conference network platform of Claim 4 wherein the adapter engine incorporates attributes of the interface object into the corresponding application object.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The video conference network platform of Claim 1 wherein the interface object comprises a managed object.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The video conference network platform of Claim 1 wherein the application object comprises a Management Bean.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The video conference network platform of Claim 1 wherein the management application comprises a video conference scheduling application.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The video conference network platform of Claim 1 wherein the management application comprises a video conference diagnostics application.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): The video conference network platform of Claim 1 wherein the management application comprises a video conference monitoring application.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended) A method for managing a plurality of video conference network devices operable to facilitate a video conference call, the method comprising:

- detecting a video conference network device interfaced with the video network;
- creating an application object for the video conference network device;
- applying the application object to build an interface object corresponding to the application object, the interface object obtaining interface information from the video conference network device;
- forwarding the interface information to the application object; and
- populating the application object with video conference network device information.

Claim 12 (Original): The method of Claim 11 wherein the application object comprises a Java management bean.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): The method of Claim 11 wherein the application object, comprises a Web Network Management System (NMS) Managed Object.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): The method of Claim 11 further comprising:
interfacing a management application with a video network device through the application object corresponding ~~with-to~~ the video conference network device.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): The method of Claim 14 wherein the management application comprises a video conference scheduling application.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): The method of Claim 14 wherein the management application comprises a video conference diagnostics application.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): The method of Claim 14 wherein the management application comprises a video conference monitoring application.

Claim 18 (Original): The method of Claim 11 wherein applying the application object to build an interface object further comprises:

applying dynamic attribute query capabilities to populate a corresponding interface object.

Claim 19 (Original): The method of Claim 11 wherein applying the application object to build an interface object further comprises:

creating an interface object that corresponds to the application object.